

STRENUOUS ROMANCE OF WILLIAM LUENING, JR.

La Crosse Boy Says he Will Marry California Girl in Spite of All

FATHER OF MAIDEN CAUSED ARREST

Threatened Violence, Then Found he Carried a Weapon --Hero Son of President of La Crosse School Board

From far-off San Bernadino, Cal., comes a story of romance and a well known La Crosse boy, and a well known La Crosse girl, and a daughter of a prominent family in Needles, Cal. Sensational developments have already occurred in the affair and others are promised by young Luening, who vows he will wed his sweetheart, come what may.

William Luening is a son of William Luening, secretary and treasurer of the R. C. Kuhn Sash and Door company of this city, and a grandson of John Gund, Sr., president of the Gund Brewing company of this city.

He is an exceedingly bright young man and has considerable spirit. He left home about four years ago upon completing his education, and taking Horace Greeley's advice went west to grow up with the country. During the interim he has been prospecting in various enterprises throughout the west, finally landing in San Bernadino, where he secured a responsible position in a large mercantile establishment.

Luening's troubles are wrapped up in a love affair which involves the seventeen-year-old step-daughter of James Flood, employed in the same store where Luening was at work. Luening and Miss Flood were engaged to be married and being opposed by the step-father, secured the con-

sent of the mother of the girl, who gave her approval in writing. The young people planned to use this consent in securing the marriage license but Flood learned of it. He drove Luening from his home and threatened him with violence if he showed up in the vicinity again.

Luening vowed he would wed his sweetheart and prepared to protect himself against possible violence at the hands of Flood by arming himself with a revolver. Flood seemed to be kept pretty well informed for it was not long before he learned that Luening was armed, and the officers were notified, the arrest of Luening following. On him was found a fully-loaded revolver. He denied that he intended to use the weapon, or had ever made a threat to injure Flood.

Nevertheless Luening was arraigned in court on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to serve 100 days in the county jail. Luening claimed after his incarceration that it was a deep-laid conspiracy to get him out of the way and keep his from marrying the girl he loved, but that as soon as he secured his release he would carry out his plans come what may. He resents interference of the step-father and does not fear the outcome with the mother on his side.

CLAIM THEY WILL NOT HOLD A FAIR

Prospects of a fair next year are gloomy. At a meeting of the directors of the Interstate Fair association Saturday night Secretary Van Auken was directed to prepare resolutions declaring the annual exposition off and these will be presented to the stockholders to be voted upon at the annual meeting in January.

Directors of the association are discouraged over the attitude of small fairs in the state in attempting to reduce the state aid to this association, and that of the common council in passing a measure compelling the association to spend a large amount of money each year in beautifying the fair grounds under threat of allowing the grounds to revert to the city.

In the event that the stockholders decide to hold a fair in spite of the handicap Secretary Van Auken reports a balance of \$3,500 on hand as a nestegg.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Henrietta Neumann entertained a number of her friends on her birthday, Dec. 10th, the afternoon being spent in playing and singing by the Foster sisters and at 7 o'clock a delicious supper was served in eight courses. The dining room was beautifully decorated with eight large bells, evergreen ferns and carnations. The evening was spent in music and games.

Some of the friends that were present are Misses Ottila, Mamie and Kurn Foster, Mathilda Lee, Galda, Wiggert, Bertha and Emma Miller,

PRISONER IDENTIFIED AS THE MURDERER

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 11.—William F. Parker of the wealthy Greenfield, Missouri, family, on trial for the alleged murder of Leon Zook in a boxcar during the robbery of immigrants and harvesters, Sept. 4, has been identified as the man who fired the shot.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Among the presidential nominations today: To be United States attorney for the southern district of Illinois, William A. Northcott; eastern district, William E. Troutman; Northern district, Charles B. Morrison; marshals corresponding, Leon A. Townsend, Charles P. Hitch, Charles V. Hoffman to be postmaster at Oskaloosa, Ia.

WEATHER FORECAST

• Fair mild weather tonight and Tuesday, with slight fall of temperature Tuesday night.
• Highest temperature in 48 hours 40; lowest 32.

Salina Affeldt, Minnie Spettel of Fountain City, Anna Herman of Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Schoenhinz, Mrs. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Charlie and John Neumann, Edward Herman, L. W. Foster and Felix Fischer.

PHONE PAY STATIONS ROBBED

Thief Jerks Out Box at Hotel Stoddard Lobby Sometime in Night

Jerking the cash box from the wall unknown parties Saturday night made away with several days' receipts of the pay station of the Wisconsin Telephone company located in the Hotel Stoddard.

Just when the affair occurred is a mystery to the hotel employees who were about the lobby throughout the night. There is hardly a minute during the night when the office and lobby is entirely deserted, and the pay station is in full view from any part of the room, being located in the middle of the northerly side.

Mgt. Hankerson of the telephone company said the exact amount of the loss was unknown at this time, but he thought a checking up of the long distance tickets would show a loss of between ten and twelve dollars.

An effort was made at the same time to tear the La Crosse Telephone company's cash box from the wall but it was unsuccessful.

THIS INSURANCE CO. DON'T SEEM QUITE SO BAD

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Henry Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance company was a witness before the committee today. He said his company made investments in the general market but had no "joint accounts." This witness carried no insurance and said the company was not interested in syndicate operations, and did not purchase industrial stocks and made no loans to the company's officers. It made a few collateral loans.

Ide explained the company's plan of annually accounting to policyholders and couldn't be induced to criticize the methods of other companies.

Ide said his company received an average of four and a half per cent on loans and distributed to policyholders all except the surplus which amounts to about ten per cent of the assets.

DIPHTHERIA ON PROSPECT STREET

Another case of diphtheria has been reported, at the home of S. Hulzaple, 1006 Prospect street, making six cases in all, three on each side of the city.

Health Officer Major said this morning that health conditions in the city were good, for this time of the year, and there was nothing alarming in the diphtheria situation.

BEST WEATHER SINCE 1853

Timothy Lewis, the old settler, in commenting this morning upon the weather, said he had not seen so much mild weather early in the winter since 1853, when weather such as La Crosse is enjoying now extended into January. There has been nothing to compare with it since, in his recollection.

HUSBAND OF MADAME REJANE DIVORCED

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
PARIS, Dec. 11.—Porcel, husband of Madame Rejane, has been granted a divorce.

PROBABLY A NEW LOCAL INDUSTRY

McCullough-Kuhn-Atkinson Company Incorporated for \$100,000

Articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state at Madison Saturday may mean a large new industry for La Crosse. The new firm is called the McCullough-Kuhn-Atkinson company and is capitalized at \$100,000. Incorporators are Otto Bossard, Joseph Schierf and Edward Schommers. The two latter are employees of the R. C. Kuhn Sash and Door company.

Parties named in the incorporation papers were reticent today regarding the real purpose of the company. The only thing definite about the concern that could be obtained was a statement to the effect that the company did not contemplate any trust negotiations or agreements. It has nothing to do with any possible new arrangements which might be made following the dissolution of the sash and door trust recently announced.

ELECTION RECOUNT ARGUMENTS TODAY

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The New York election recount case was argued in the court of appeals today. Ex-Governor Black made the principal argument for Hearst and Alton Parker for McClellan. The question the court is asked to decide is whether the election law authorized a recount of ballots already officially counted.

PAT CROWE GOES TO COUNCIL BLUFFS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 11.—Governor Cummings today granted a requisition for the return of Pat Crowe to Council Bluffs on a charge of holding up a street car.

MILITIA WILL BE PRESENT IN UNIFORM

At the second of the series of band concerts being given at the theatre by Dana's band, Dec. 13th, the local militia will attend in uniform. The program follows:

March—Call of the Wild Losey
Overture—"Tancred" Rossini
Violin solo—Sonata in G Minor
..... Fartini
Walter West.

Selection—"Bohemian Girl," .. Balfé
(a) Pilgrims' Chorus Wagner
(b) Tone poem, "Apple Blossoms"
..... Roberts
Selection—"Office Boy" Ricker
From England's comic opera, introducing "Song of the Fife and Drum," "Four Burglars," "Will You Be My Hero," "Bohemia," "Plain Mame O'Hoolley," "A Maiden's Heart," "Signs," "After Business Hours," "Ensemble," "Finale," "Entrance Jockeys."

Spanish Serenade—"La Paloma" Grandin
"War Song of Boys in Blue"
Introducing "Battle Cry of Freedom," "Just Before the Battle Mother," "Tramps, Tramp, Tramp," "The Vacant Chair," "Our Flag is There America," "Yankee Doodle," introducing fife and drum solo.
Balletmusik und Hochzeit ozog aus der oper "Fermore" ... Rubenstein
"Star Spangled Banner."

WRECK AND RUIN PEASANTS' PATH

Estate of Former American Novelist is Burned

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 11.—The peasants continue destroying the estate of nobles. In the provinces at Gatchina, thirty miles from this city they burned the property of Princess Trubetsky, formerly Ameli Rives, the American novelist. At Wenden they captured the Seswegane castle, murdered the soldiers of the garrison and pillaged the estate and seized a train, traveling a distance along the road burning many estates.

Another Mutiny.
CRASOWD, Dec. 11.—A fresh general mutiny of sailors and soldiers at Sevastopol and Keiff is reported.

Trepoff's Successor Resigns.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 11.—Gen. Dedulin, Gen. Trepoff's successor as prefect of St. Petersburg police, resigned. Meyendorff may succeed Dedulin.

SCHINNER BISHOP OF SUPERIOR

(Scripps-McRae iDispatch.)
ROME, Dec. 11.—The third consistory since the election of Pius XII, for the nomination of cardinals for the same period began today. It opened with little pomp. The following were made cardinals: Cagliano de Azevedo, Rome; Joseph Samassa, Hungary; Cavalcanti, Brazil; Spinslay Mpeste, Seville.

Rev. A. Schinner, vicar general of Milwaukee, was created bishop of Superior, Wis.

GETS DIVORCE FROM OSCAR JOHNSON

Catherine Johnson was granted a divorce from Oscar Johnson in the circuit court this morning upon the grounds of desertion and non-support. Mrs. Johnson resides on the north side.

REV. IRISH DELEGATE GATE OF PASTORS

Rev. James W. Irish of the First Methodist church was this morning chosen by the pastors' union as fraternal delegate of that organization to the meeting of the trades and labor council of this city. It was the idea of Rev. Irish that an interchanging of delegates so that each organization could be thoroughly posted in what the other was doing, would be beneficial to each.

Organizer Panke was chosen at the last meeting of the council to attend the meetings of the pastors' union.

Rev. Dr. Thomas read an interesting paper this morning on "The Theology of Ritchie."

TO OUST THE FAKE DOCTORS

Dr. A. B. Newton, Bangor, and Dr. S. P. Sables, Sparta, have been appointed a committee by the Wisconsin Medical association to clean up all fraudulent practitioners in the western portion of Wisconsin. The committee has already discovered one alleged physician, a man named Jones, practicing without a license in Bangor. Jones is a "bonesetter" and was practicing when the new law went into effect. The committee will endeavor to have him register.

The Tribune is the only La Crosse paper that stands for the interests of the whole people.

MITCHELL APPEAL QUASHED BY DEATH

Senate Feels Uneasy This Morning, but Takes no Notice of Death

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Ex-Senator Thurston of Nebraska appeared this morning and called attention to the death of Mitchell whose case is pending. The chief justice nodded acknowledgement and notice of death was inserted upon the docket with the dismissal of the appeal, quashed by the death of the appellant. This morning the president conferred on immigration with Gompers and a number of associates.

When the senate met at noon today it gave evidence of embarrassment by the death of Mitchell. His desk was undraped and it was decided not to formally announce it. There was a spirited rate discussion precipitated by the introduction of a rate regulation bill by Tillman, proposing to have a commission with power to fix a maximum rate. There was no mention of Mitchell's death in the house. The house adjourned, to Wednesday.

GIRL DIES OF DIPHTHERIA

Agusta, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Loeffler of 1111 South Sixth street, died last night of diphtheria. The funeral was held privately late this afternoon and interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

M'DONALD-GOOD- RICH CASE OFF

The case of McDonald vs. Goodrich, which has been hanging fire in circuit court for a year or more, was finally disposed of this morning by Judge Fruit, the action being dismissed.

ASTHMA PROVES FATAL

Mrs. Bertha Weise, residing at 204 Market street, died yesterday after a long illness with asthma and heart trouble, aged 58.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, Rev. Andreas officiating, and interment will be made in Oak Grove cemetery.

OPEN COURT AT VIROQUA

Judge Fruit and Court Reporter Harrison leave tonight for Viroqua, where the Vernon county term of circuit court opens tomorrow morning. It is anticipated that not over a week will be required to finish up the business of the term. The calendar includes eight criminal cases, 12 jury cases and 14 cases of fact for the jury.

LEG BROKEN

Richard Knight, switchman in the Milwaukee yards, on the north side, stepped into a hole while getting off his engine this morning and sustained a fracture of a bone in the foot. Dr. Suiter set the broken bone and says Mr. Knight will be laid up for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherwood and H. M. Baker of Reedsburg attended the funeral of H. M. Babb, which was held from the residence on Cass street yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

"Whilst the mind is in a state of uncertainty, the smallest impulse will direct it to either side." With the shopper the ad. that is a little better than the others acts as this "smallest impulse," and decides as to which of the stores she shall visit.

HOLZHAMMER, "ICE KING" GONE

Famous Pioneer Succumbs Sunday

DIES AT HOME OF HIS SON

Old Man Laid Out Ice Road From Brownsville for Half a Century

George Holzhammer, Sr., the "Ice King," and one of the most prominent of the older settlers in this part of the country, is dead. The end came at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his son, George Holzhammer, Jr., on the Mormon coulee road, after an illness of two weeks.

Deceased was born in German 78 years ago and came to this country in 1852, settling in Juneau county. In 1857 he moved to Brownsville, where he has since resided. For many years he conducted a freight traffic business between La Crosse and Brownsville, and it was in the pursuit of this business that he acquired the title of "Ice King." For 47 consecutive years, covering the entire period of his residence in Brownsville, he each winter laid out the ice road between Brownsville and La Crosse and drove the first team over it. His judgment in matters pertaining to the ice seemed to be unerring and his roads over the father of waters could always be traveled with every assurance of safety.

During the half century that he spent on and around the father of waters the older Holzhammer saved the lives of many people and more than once his humanitarian work has been recognized by the national humane society.

Deceased is survived by two sons, Jacob and George of La Crosse, and four daughters, Mrs. John Guenther, Mrs. John Coyle and Mrs. Joseph Real of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Geo. Volz of this city.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at the cathedral and the remains will be taken to Brownsville on the noon train for interment in the Catholic cemetery there.

Kreutz's Orchestral Concert Well Attended

Nearly three hundred people filled Germania hall yesterday afternoon at the second of the bi-weekly orchestral entertainment being given by the Kreutz La Crosse orchestra. The orchestra is the most complete in this section of the northwest and the music is pre-eminent. Many encores were demanded and the most difficult opera and the most popular ballad formed the program. Prof. J. R. Kerr, the well known baritone, was the soloist of the day.

A bazaar will be held at St. Mary's school hall on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening of this week.

Cowper wrote that "to follow foolish precedents, and to wink with both our eyes, is easier than to think!" but this is not true of modern business life, especially of advertising, in which even the best precedents are followed but a little while and then easily passed on the road; and in which to wink with either eye—at lethargy and inaction—is to invite wreck and disaster.

BIJOU WEEK OPENS TONIGHT WITH A MYSTERY

A real holiday program with a sensational mystery, is the Bijou's schedule for the week beginning tonight. No better vaudeville bill has been produced here since the opening of the house and if the popular little theatre is not packed every afternoon and night it will be a surprise indeed to the management.

Fontinelle, the mysterious automaton, is something which can be scarcely described. What appears to be a wax image is imbued with life by the application of electricity and walks and acts like a real human being.

Besides this sensational feature will be produced, Stoddard and Wilson in a novel musical act, "The Rat Catcher." Miss Mamie Deoesch, the "Queen of Clubs," is a dainty juggler. Mudworth and Wells present a society comedy entitled "Electric Love."

Another thrilling attraction will be the "Jewel Casket," a Pinkerton detective story which outdoes the cunning of Sherlock Holmes, portrayed in the motion picture machine. This picture shows the methods of the cunning New York thieves and the operation of the most wonderful detective agency in the world.

In spite of the expense of bringing this high class holiday attraction the general admission will remain at ten cents with 5 cents extra for reserved seats.

NEW TRAIN TO LOS ANGELES

The Northwestern Line and the Union Pacific Put On a Fast Through Train Via Salt Lake, Beginning Dec. 17.

A solid through train from Chicago to Los Angeles will be placed in service over the Chicago, Union Pacific & Northwestern Line and the newly opened Salt Lake Route (S. P., L. A. & S. L. R. R.) leaving the Wells street station, Chicago, every day in the year, at 10:05 p. m., and arrive at Los Angeles at 4:45 the third day. The train will be electric lighted throughout. The equipment is new from the Pullman shops, and includes Pullman standard drawing room, sleeping cars, one Pullman tourist sleeping car, and a composite-observation car, with buffet-smoking room and Book-lovers Library, through to Los Angeles without change. All meals in dining car, a la carte service.

This train is an especially desirable one for tourist travel carrying both tourist sleeping cars and standard drawing room Pullman of the latest designs.

The route of the new train is over the only double track railway between Chicago and the Missouri River, through Council Bluffs, Omaha and Cheyenne to Ogden and Salt Lake City, and directly across Southwestern Utah and Southern Nevada into the citrus fruit region of California, passing through San Bernardino, Riverside and Pomona to Los Angeles. This is a new and desirable routing and secures to the traveler the advantages of the best that can be produced in railway travel over the pioneer line from Chicago and the enjoyment of new scenes and excellent train service over the new Salt Lake road.

SPECIAL HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS.

Low Rates Are Offered by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Round-trip tickets at less than the regular one-way fare to many points in the West and Southwest. Tickets will be on sale November 7 and 21 and December 5 and 18. Return limit 21 days. Liberal stop-over privileges. Details on request. F. R. Hartwell, Ticket Agent.

Finest line of Sterling Silver.
Lower prices than ever.
Six tea spoons.....\$3.00
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6 Knives.....7.50
6 Forks, heavy.....8.25
Other pieces at same low prices.
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Open Evenings.

AT THE THEATRE

The Shubert production of the "Royal Chef" is to a certain extent a girl and music show; but unlike the majority of musical plays, it does not depend entirely upon the beautiful young women who comprise the company, or on the tuneful music of Ben Jerome. There is a story, a plot and considerable comedy. No more gorgeous production of a musical play



Edith Lochner in "The Royal Chef."

has ever been made than the Shubert production of this delightful musical comedy. It enjoyed a run of over three hundred nights at the Garrick theatre in Chicago, and no expense has been spared by Mr. Shubert in arranging to send the "Royal Chef" en tour. The complete production with all its magnificent scenery and gorgeous costumes will be seen, and a large company headed by Harry Hermen, Chas. B. Huntington, Joe Allen, Wm. Sellery, Maxwell Loehner, Walter Smith, Stella Tracey, Helen Darling, Elsie Moore, Elsie Doyle, Joe Purdy, Anna Dressler and Rose Clark, and the famous original broilers, twelve whirlwind dancers. The chorus numbers over forty pretty girls. In fact, "The Royal Chef" is a veritable beauty show with song hits, tuneful melodies and a whole lot of comedy thrown in. It will be seen at the theatre Tuesday.

A NEW TRAIN TO LOS ANGELES

The North Western Line and the Union Pacific Put On a Sixty-eight Hour Train Via Salt Lake Beginning Dec. 17.

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 17th, a solid through train from Chicago to Los Angeles will be placed in service over the Chicago, Union Pacific & Northwestern Line and the newly opened Salt Lake Route (S. P., L. A. & S. L. R. R.)

The train will be electric lighted throughout. The schedule time of the new train will be sixty-eight hours, leaving the Wells Street Station, Chicago, every day in the year at 6:00 p. m., and arriving at Los Angeles at 12:45 noon the third day.

The equipment is new from the Pullman shops, and includes Pullman standard drawing room, sleeping cars, one Pullman tourist sleeping car, and a composite-observation car, with buffet-smoking room and Book-lovers Library, through to Los Angeles without change. All meals in dining car, a la carte service.

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is brilliantly lighted, with both center and side lamps.

The equipment includes one 14 section and drawing room Pullman standard sleeping car, one 12 section and drawing room Pullman standard sleeping car, one Pullman tourist sleeping car, and a composite-observation car, with buffet-smoking room and Booklovers Library, through to Los Angeles without change.

All meals in dining car, a la carte service.

The architecture and interior finish of each car presents an unusual richness of effect. The interior decorations are in green and gold, the upholstery is in olive green plush; the woodwork in vermilion mahogany.

The dining cars are of the latest design and their equipment is most complete. The best of chefs, skilled stewards, experienced waiters, and a menu of the highest character, combine to cater satisfactorily to the most exacting taste.

Every provision has been made for the greatest degree of comfort and convenience for all classes of travel.

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Many travelers to Southern California will doubtless avail themselves of this routing one way, returning through the San Joaquin Valley or up the Coast Line of the Southern Pacific to San Francisco, and thence east on the Overland Limited. Round trip tourist tickets provided for this variable routing, and also stopovers at Salt Lake City and at various California points without any extra charge.

The sleeping car diagrams for the new train are now open to the public for reservation of space.

Excursion Rates for the Holidays.

Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1905, and January 1, 1906, good returning until and including January 4, 1906, to points on the Northwestern Line, including C. St. P. M. & O. Ry., to points on the Union Pacific R. R. east of and including Cheyenne and Denver, points on A. T. & S. F. R. R., Denver & Rio Grande R. R., and Colorado Southern, Denver to Trinidad, inclusive, and Colorado and Southern points, Orin Jet, to Cheyenne, inclusive, also to points on D. S. S. & A. Ry and Mineral Range R. R. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

FIT FOR A KING

Is the "Oriental Limited" of the Great Northern Railway.

The greatest luxury of travel is afforded by the "Oriental Limited" of the Great Northern Railway. A distinctive feature of this train is the new compartment observation library car. In the construction of these cars the purpose in view has been to furnish the traveling public with every comfort and luxury which they could secure at a first-class hotel or at their club. Ease, elegance and excellence is the combination sought and obtained in the building of these cars. The observation rooms of these cars are finished in vermilion wood and the chairs are upholstered in green leather, the remainder of the furnishings being in harmony with the general color scheme. The card room is finished in English oak, with green leather seat coverings. The four state rooms, which are unusually large, are finished in mahogany, coco, vermilion and tonquin, while the furnishings are olive, reddish rose, green and maroon plush, in the order named. The drawing room is finished in mahogany and all furnishings are golden brown plush.

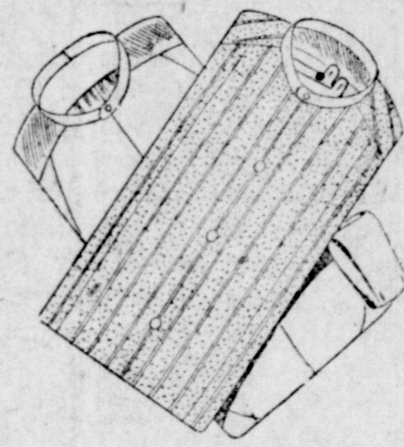
The rear half of these cars is devoted to observation room, handsomely furnished with easy chairs, writing desks, etc. Wide plate glass windows afford unobstructed views of the surrounding country. Those who enjoy being in the open air will find com-

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We show a large line of Neckwear, Fancy Suspenders, Etc., put up in special boxes suitable for Christmas Gifts, also a full line of Smoking Jackets, Lounging Robes, Umbrellas, Mufflers, Watch Fobs, Link Cuff Buttons, Suit Cases, Club Bags, Fur Caps, Fur Lined Mittens and Gloves, Etc.

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A good meal enhances the pleasure of a journey, a poor one destroys it. It is safe to say that of this important feature of modern train equipment, the Great Northern railway has established a standard for excellence which helps make an overland journey something to anticipate. All meals served a la carte.

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Ladies' size, 15 jewel Elgin or Waltham.....\$15.00
7 jewel Elgin or Waltham 11.50
15 jewel Special Movement 9.50
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If Electrical and Good We Keep It.

PROMISES MADE TO BUILD BLACK RIVER LINE

That important developments are expected within a couple of months the A. Crosse and Black River railway, are indicated in promises made by President A. M. Tourtellotte of this city to the town board of Melrose.

The board was considering the question of granting an extension of the bonds of the railway company voted a year ago. A couple of the members were opposed to allowing the extension and things looked gloomy for the company for a time. Finally Mr. Tourtellotte appeared upon the scene and promised to cancel

A BRAIN WORKER.

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"Grape-Nuts agreed with me perfectly from the beginning, satisfying my hunger and supplying the nutriment that so many other prepared foods lack.

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There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

the bonds April 1st if he could not show the company will earn to them within that time. An extension of one year was then granted by the board by a unanimous vote.

SISTERS BUY A WAUSAU HOSPITAL

Announcement is made in local Catholic circles that the sisters of St. Mary's convent in Milwaukee have purchased the Riverside hospital at Wausau, formerly conducted by Dr. Sauerhering, a relative of the Langenbachs of La Crosse.

The hospital will be conducted by the sisters under the name of St. Mary's.

SCHWEBACH DE- DICATES CHURCH

St. Michael's Polish Catholic church of Wausau was dedicated yesterday by the Rt. Rev. J. Schwabach, bishop of La Crosse. The bishop was assisted by Father James Korczyk of Grand Rapids. The first church erected by the Polish people in Wausau was burned in December, 1894. The present structure was begun the following year. After it was completed it was found to be too small and was enlarged. While the work was progressing, the pastor, the Rev. S. A. Elbert was taken away and the improvements ceased until the present pastor, the Rev. Stanislaus Slisz, took charge. The value of the church is \$30,000.

BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team will play the bookkeepers and bank clerks at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Wednesday night.

FLOUR IS REDUCED

The price of flour has been reduced 20 cents. The price of shorts, white middlings and red dog advances \$1 per ton. Bran remains the same.

Ministerial Changes

Rev. Joseph McWicker of Tilden has secured leave of absence from Bishop Schwabach in order to travel a year for his health.

Rev. Joseph Riesterer will supply the Tilden church during his absence.

Rev. N. E. Delaney will take Rev. Riesterer's place in the Navoca church.

Rev. John Raiski has been appointed to the church at Castle.



Two Big Specials in

Smoking Jackets

Two special lots of Smoking Jackets that we carried over from last season at Greatly Reduced Prices

\$5.00 JACKETS NOW . . . \$4.00

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Aside from this lot we carry the largest and richest assortment of Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns in the city, at prices ranging . . . **\$5 to \$12.50**

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THE CONTINENTAL

CITY NEWS

W. H. Porter of Galesville was in the city yesterday calling on friends. Johnson's Blue Ribbon Chocolates at Roth's.

J. F. Brock of Sparta was in the city on business today.

Mrs. John Whipple of Winona is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

J. O. Johnson, barber shop, 208 South Third street.

Mrs. Marie Oillie Miller goes to Lexington, Ky., this week to spend the winter.

Andrew Thompson has returned from a business trip to Rushford.

The sensation of months in vaudeville is the auto-man at the Bijou. Can you solve the mystery?

The pastor's union met this morning.

The subject of Rev. Irish's sermon next Sunday will be the "Faults of the church."

Royal Neighbors Camp No. 393 will give a card party at the Linker hall Tuesday afternoon. Admission 15 cents.

John P. Linton lodge 109, K. of P. meets tomorrow night. Further arrangements will be made for the big annual New Year's ball.

COLBY, the heavy light man. Christmas trade is reported by the merchants as the best in years. The

DIAMOND RINGS
(values guaranteed)
\$12 \$15 \$20 \$25 \$30 up
IRVING'S—429 Main st.—Open
evenings. La Crosse's Greatest
Jewelry store.

stocks of novelties at the various stores are of a very beautiful character this season.

Miss Pearl Pratt, who was run down by an automobile, has recovered from her injuries and resumed her "Faust" played to a small house last night.

duties as teacher in the second district school today.

Many children inherit constitutions weak and feeble, others due to childhood troubles. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will positively cure children and make them strong. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your druggist.

Miss Emma Wolfe has returned home after a short visit with Miss Stella Monti at Genoa.

Do not fail to see the marvel of the age, the auto-man, at the Bijou tonight. An electrical figure which actually walks and acts like a human. Mrs. Ira Griffin of Viroqua is visiting her parents in this city.

Electric wiring, Benton, phone 178. Ferdinand Wise has returned home after a business trip to Cherry Grove.

FOR RENT—Front room, first floor above bank. Batavian National bank.

Roy Primmer has returned to his home in Viroqua after receiving medical treatment in the city.

For the second time within two months the postoffice at Hillsboro has been robbed. This later crime is said to be the work of boys. Little of value was secured.

When washing your good clothes you can not afford to use common soap even though it costs you nothing. Beach's Peosta Soap used according to directions will save in the wear of clothes more than it costs.

Pain may go by the name of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, pleurisy.

reports that Friday he found a farmer cutting dry hay between Onalaska and Midway, and six miles further on, at the head of Lewis valley he found heavy snow and sleighing.

Chicken sandwiches and short order. Old phone, 5493. Fred Johnson, 208½ South Third street.

The funeral of John Bakalars was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence and at 3 o'clock from the Holy Cross church. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Miss Louise Dunn returned to the Winona normal school today after spending Sunday with her folks on South Seventh street.

Mons Thorkildson was fined \$12.50 and costs for being drunk and disorderly, by Judge Hunt, and departed for his home at West Prairie a sadder but wiser man.

WIRING, the heavy light man. Work on the new high school has been suspended for the winter.

A complete change of program at the Bijou tonight. The automatic man is the sensational part of the new program.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Peet have returned from Preston, where they attended the funeral of the former's father.

Dr. George Bowell, consulting physician and surgeon.

Bids for the construction of a bridge on the McGillivray road will be opened by the county board committee on roads and bridges December 23.

Invitations were sent out today for the annual New Year's ball of the Knights of Pythias.

For the Christmas and New Year's holidays the Green Bay and Western railroad announces a rate of a fare and one third for the round trip to all stations. Tickets will be on sale from Dec. 22 to 25 inclusive, also Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, good to return until Jan. 4, 1906.

Postoffice Inspector Fraser has started to work on the King post-office money order forgery case which developed here last week.

Miss Elsie Peters, a teacher in the first district school has recovered from an attack of diphtheria.

Claude Thompson has almost recovered from his operation for appendicitis and is able to be out.

Dr. W. Powell, diseases of women.

The city Christian Endeavor societies last night held a union meeting at the First Congregational church which was addressed by Dr. William Shaw, treasurer of the International Christian Endeavor society. Later Dr. Shaw addressed a union service of the Congregational and First Presbyterian churches.

If you are troubled with indigestion, constipation, sour stomach, or any other pain, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your druggist.

Henry Huff of Independence is visiting friends in the city.

George Green has returned to his home in Pine Grove after a few days' visit in the city.

LARGEST WATCH

Stock in the city—Boss Hunting gold, 25 year cases, Ladies' sizes. 15 jewel Elgin or Wal- \$18.25
7 jewel Elgin or Wal- \$14.50
them.
Cases one full hand engraved.
IRVING'S, 429 Main st.—Open
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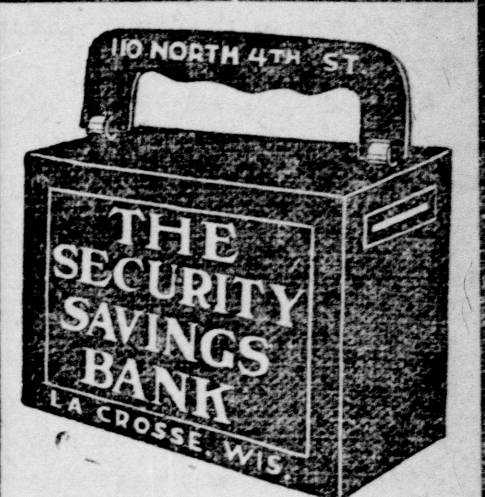
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A PAIN KILLER.

How would like to have the operation of tooth pulling so delightful you would have all your teeth pulled to experience the sensation? According to the latest scientific discovery dentistry's horrors are now a rare delight.

Analgesia—insensibility to pain—is produced by an anaesthetic of the Royal Dental hospital in London with blue light. A patient under the influence could not distinguish any difference in the sensations produced by pressing the tip of a finger up him, very gently, and jabbing a needle into him.

A patient who had a tooth extruded while under the influence of this azure gleam was so pleased that he came back to have two others drawn; and it is believed that if a blue light is "suitably placed," insomnia may be cured—so calming is the influence of the light.

Red light has certain properties of its own, for instance, in the treatment of smallpox; that shade of light being fatal to the germs on which the disease lives—the germs that, in fact, are all there is to the disease. When this red light kills them there is no longer smallpox, and the patient recovers.

The effect of these discoveries, said to be well authenticated, will recall the "blueglass craze" twenty-six or thereabouts years ago. That craze did not last very long and these "scientific facts" may have to give way to some other ones—possibly that colored lights are very harmful—who knows. Science takes occasional startling tumbles.

Witte is resigned, but he cannot resign.

It is learned that "Hi" Goddard's real loss in western deals amounts to about \$150,000 profit.

"Another crisis near at hand," is a newspaper headline. A crisis is pulled off in Russia every few minutes.

On Saturday evening there was another demonstration of the superiority of the Tribune's local news service, in the story of the warrants secured by Hiram Goddard for land grafters.

PAST YEAR SUCCESSFUL FOR ASYLUM

The second annual report of the Catholic orphan asylums of this diocese, St. Michael's and St. Ann's, located in this city, has just been issued.

The report covers the periods from December 1, 1904, to December 1, 1905. Two hundred and thirty-four children have been cared for in the institutions during the year and the average number of children in the orphanages has been 175. The cost per capital for maintaining them has been \$53.

Superior furnishes the largest number of children, 40, and La Crosse is second with 27. Eau Claire has 21 in the institutions and Ashland 16. Various other places in the diocese have from one to ten each.

Over one half of the sum required to conduct the institutions was secured in the diocesan collection of

December 25, which netted \$5,282.96. La Crosse churches contributed the largest amount, \$545.80 and St. Joseph's cathedral of this city led all churches in the diocese with a collection of \$184.98.

The financial statement of the orphanages is as follows:

Receipts.
Cash on hand Dec. 1 1904...\$ 937.88
Diocesan collection 5,282.96
Dispensations 400.00
Parents & guardians 2,019.09
Alms & donations 325.86
Mr. J. Green 100.00
Mrs. J. Scheusler 10.00
Mr. J. Seubert 5.00

Bequests.
From the estate of Mr. John Birsner, La Crosse, Wis 200.00
N. N. 200.00
From the Estate of Mr. F. Stoffel 25.00
N. N. 13.00
Payment of Note 1,002.00

Total\$11,420.79

Expenditures.
Dry goods\$ 891.19
Shoes 618.65
Provisions: flour, potatoes etc 3,364.42
Groceries 1,400.87
Light & Fuel 1,265.56
Hardware, Repairs & labor .. 825.23
Books, stationery, printing, R. R. fares, etc. 290.27
Laundry 120.00

Holiday Gems, Jewelry, Silver.

This store is at its best—better than ever before—because of more extensive preparation than in any former year. Ready to serve a greater number of patrons, ready with the most elaborate and beautiful collection of things suitable for presentation that can be imagined.

It is not difficult to select appropriate Gifts for Yuletide, but of all what else has the real, intrinsic worth of a diamond or a rare gem, a watch, a piece of rich cut glass, or something in the line of silver? Such gifts as these are substantial—lasting—frequently handed down from generation to generation.

Store open evenings until Christmas.

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LAXATIVE
HONEY and TAR
in the
YELLOW PACKAGE

Insurance 120.00
Cement walk 50.00
Chaplain 300.00
Cash on hand 2,147.60

Total\$11,420.79

JUST LIFE

It would not be bad for Jerumky Jerum to write a book on "Three Men in an Opera House."

Uncle Joe Cannon proposes to keep Esch on the military committee. Your Uncle Joe will see to it John don't get on any railroad committee where he might be valuable to the country.

Wanted—a Lover.

This poetic appeal for a sweetheart was written by the Whalen correspondent in the Lanesboro Leader. We judge the writer is still single: When the golden sun is setting, And your thoughts from care are free, Will you kindly think of the trio sitting Lonely and forgotten, as you must see?

Why can't we have a lover? Why can't we have a beau, That around us would hover And tag us for a block or so? We only are a little bashful, That is the reason why. So if you will be a little careful We may be with you in the sweet bye and bye.

We don't care who it is we meet; If they have a horse and buggy, we will be around.

We try to dress in the latest style, Representing the red, white and blue If you will take us for a ride a mile We will be with you true.

—GUESS WHO.

No viper's fang is so deadly as the liar's tongue. Moral—don't gossip.

The desire of Mabelle Gilman, an actress, for notoriety caused her to have a photograph taken in her apartments, where a photograph of President Corey of the steel trust occupied a prominent place. Now Corey is trying to expalin.

It is said the new English cabinet may award Ireland home rule.

Theatrical managers and promoters have concluded La Crosse is amusement poor.

Some people look upon religion as fire insurance.

"The Devil wit th' law," howled the Irishman after listening to the opposing lawyer's plea and quotations, "It's justice we want."

—W. V. K.

Dr. W. Powell, diseases of women.

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“Keeping Watch at Night,” by Edwin Markham.

And a Beautiful BUSTER BROWN CALENDAR FOR 1906. In Colors.

Order a Copy without Delay from your Newsdealer.

AUTO-MAN AT THE BIJOU TONIGHT



The management of the Bijou has never misrepresented any attraction, or tried to gull the public by putting out flashy paper announcing coming attractions "that never come," in fact most people who attend the theatre are surprised to see the high priced attractions for such a small price of admission. This week they have an all star bill of high salaried artists, headed by the "Mysterious Fontinelle," an act that has never been seen in La Crosse before, although several La Crosse people saw it while visiting the White City in Chicago the past summer, where thousands of people went every day and paid 50 cents to see this wonderful attraction.

There is nothing the American audience enjoys so much as a mystery. "Fontinelle" has studied this out scientifically and is not only a mys-

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Perfect in quality. Moderate in price.

tery to the public, but also to himself at times.

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"Fontinelle" will appear at every performance at the Bijou this week. Matinee, every day at 2:30, any seat in the house 10 cents. Evening performances commence at 7:30 and 9 o'clock sharp. General admission 10 cents; opera chairs, 5 cents extra. Go early and get a good seat.

Half Rates to Golf Tournament, Mexico City, Mexico.

Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, January 1 to 12, inclusive, with favorable return limits. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

LARGEST WATCH

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They wanted a big light, a steady, never-go-out light, they wanted the kind of light that keeps off the ceiling and gets down to where the people and the goods are. They didn't stay on the fence long. We took orders to light six places with our big

NERNST LAMPS.

Let one of them help you sell goods during the holidays. 'Phone for the man.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....\$2,537,291.94
Overdrafts..... 2,158.19
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 200,000.00
Other Bonds..... 210,800.00
Banking House..... 50,000.00
Other Real Estate..... 100.00

CASH RESOURCES

U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....\$ 50,000.00
With Banks..... 572,660.88
With Treas. U. S. 10,000.00
In Vaults..... 259,608.95 892,269.83

Total.....\$3,892,619.96

LIABILITIES.

Capital..... 250,000.00
Surplus..... 150,000.00
Undivided Profits..... 77,394.85
Circulation..... 200,000.00
Deposits..... 3,215,225.11

Total.....\$3,892,619.96
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FOR SALE—Cheap, a good horse for family or delivery use (gentle); also buggy and harness. Inquire 817 South Fifth.

FOR SALE—Hard and soft wood at a reasonable price. Orin Wilbur 902 Avon street. Old phone, 6153.

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FOR SALE—A wood-sawing machine, cheap; 5-horse power engine. Enquire 922 Jackson street.

FOR SALE—Excellent water power and business. Address "J," La Crosse Tribune.

FOR SALE—Dry second growth oak. George Fisher, old phone, 9074.

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WANTED—75 girls for assorting tobacco at the Pamperin Leaf Tobacco Co. warehouse. Apply at 113 South Second street.

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LOST—Collie dog, tan with white collar. E. A. Erickson, old phone, 4333.

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FURNACES AND STOVES repaired, cleansed and set up. Orders promptly attended to. Old phone, 3483.

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WANTED—One or two rough-stuff rubbers; apply at office La Crosse Carriage Co.

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WANTED—Washing to take home. Old phone, 5922.

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Architect
Room 3, Batavian Bank Building

North Side News

Branch Office 532 Mill Street

Old Phone 9124

H. W. SINGER, Mgr.

BANGSBERGUPHELD IN COURT

A jury in Justice Prentiss' court this morning decided that Ludwig Bangsberg, the north side jeweler, did the right thing when he refused to accept a package of "shady" jewelry shipped to him from Chicago.

The jewelry, which was shipped by a one-man firm styled A. E. Ziehme and company, was discovered by Mr. Bangsberg to be not up to requirements and he refused to be held to his contract, leaving the jewelry with the express company. The Chicago firm brought a suit but failed to recover, the jury returning a verdict this morning for the defendant. The jury consisted of Messrs. Poehling, Reitzel, Lewis, Bronson, Kleist and Linker.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

The Misses Kate Webber, Minnie and Della Smith, very pleasantly surprised Mrs. Albert Novak last evening at her home at Twelfth and Adams streets.

The guests decorated the rooms with carnations and Chrysanthemums and also presented Mrs. Novak with a handsome couch.

The evening was spent with vocal and instrumental music and light refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Violette Wiskerchen, Lillie Nockels of Austin, Minn., Margaret Ritter, Clara Spah, Jessie Koch, Esther Koch, Helen Bamberger, Isabell, Josephine and Lillie Novak, Francis Jackimiak and Messrs. Joseph Smith, Walter Kubiak, Bernard McLindon, Bart Weber, John Smith, Jack Nockels, Austin, Minn., Val Niebergall, Mason City, Ia., Will Meaney, Austin, Minn., Dennis O'Leary, Elkador, Ia., Henry Carroll and H. Anthony, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Novak, Albert Novak, Chapiewski and Nic Smith.

NORTH SIDE BRIEFS

Mrs. William Holl and Miss Lula Hillson have returned to the former's home at 1307 Caledonia street after a few days' visit with Mrs. L. J. Parmenter of La Crescent.

The Monitor—A. & O. Sletten. Mr. and Mrs. James Abell have returned to their home in Chicago after an extended visit on the north side with relatives and friends.

An automatic man, which actually walks and acts like a human being is the sensational leader on the Bijou bill beginning tonight.

A large number of skaters were enjoying themselves yesterday afternoon on Black river near the wagon bridge and there was also skating on Colman's Slough. The ice was melting yesterday and will no doubt melt more today. It is entirely open under the bridge.

Charles Groves has returned to the north side after an extended visit in the south.

Matt Wotherspoon has returned to the north side after an extended visit in the west.

Thomas & Phalon's buckwheat. Nic Sommers has returned from a few days' visit in Minneapolis.

Carl Halmrast is the guest of relatives and friends on the north side for a few days.

Charles Miller of Owatonna, Minn., is the guest of relatives and friends on the north side for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mahlum are the guests of relatives and friends in Chaceburg and Coon valley for a few days.

The new program at the Bijou tonight will interest north side people. An auto-man, something never seen here before, will be the sensation of the program.

Louis Olson and Lloyd Owens have returned from a successful hunting trip with a large number of rabbits.

Mrs. C. H. Jenks of 331 North Seventh street is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Doyle are the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Levens of Avon street for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Allen welcomed a baby boy to their home at 1216 Avon street yesterday.

Max Johnson has returned from a few days' visit with relatives and friends at Lansing, Ia.

G. F. Bugby has returned to his home at Madison after a visit of about six weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dineen and family of 819 Berlin street.

Phone 9124 and subscribe for the Tribune. Let us know when you do not get it.

The Monitors lost three straight games yesterday afternoon.

Charles Garner, north side weighmaster, is improving from his recent illness but is as yet unable to resume his duties.

Mrs. Libbie McCabe has returned from an inspection of the W. R. C. and of the G. A. R. at Trempealeau.

Next Thursday a chicken pie supper and bazaar will be given in the Fjeldstad hall at the corner of Caledonia and St. Paul streets by the ladies of the Caledonia street M. E. church.

No extra charge is made for the sensational feature at the Bijou this week—the automatic man.

Mrs. B. H. Valentine of 1353 Caledonia street is entertaining her sister Mrs. C. Donaldson of Bangor for a few days.

George Garrett assisted in the university drama staged at Madison Saturday evening by playing the piano.

Miss Evelyn Huntly who is teaching at Bangor spent Sunday with her parents on Berlin street.

Mrs. H. Jewett of West Salem is visiting on the north side.

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Pears—Dozen, 15 to 25c.
Apples—Duchess, peck, 40c.
Wheat—70 to 75c.
Barley—35 to 40c.
Oats—22 to 25c.
Corn—30 to 42c.

Fruit—California navel, \$4 to \$5; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50; bananas, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Rye—50 to 55c.

Live stock—Hogs, \$4.40 to \$4.60.
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Vegetables.

Leaf lettuce—Dozen, 20c.

Head lettuce—Dozen, 50c.

Turnips—Bushel, 50c.

New potatoes—Bushel, 70c.

Celery—Dozen, 20c.

Beets—Peck, 15c.

Cabbage—Dozen, 60c.

Dry onions—Peck, 25c.

Parsnips—Bushel, 75c.

Onions—Bushel, \$1.00.

Bermuda Onions—Pound, 8c.

Beets—Bushel, 60c.

Carrots—Bushel, 60c.

Spinach—Peck, 15c.

Pie plant—Bunch, 3c.

Wax Beans—8c.

Cucumbers—Bushel, 80c.

Summer squash—Dozen, 25c.

Cheese—Cream twins, 1½ to 14; brick cheese, 12 to 12½; full cream limburger, 11½ to 12; long horn, 13½ to 14; Young America, 13½ to 14; German hand, per box, 90c; plain hand, per box, 20c; Swiss, 14 to 15c.

Sweet potatoes—Pound, 5c.

Pumpkins—Each, 5 to 8c.

Hubbard squash—Each, 8 to 10c.

Cauliflower—Bunch, 15c.

Miscellaneous.

Quinces—Peck, 50c.

Cranberries—Quart, 12c.

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Winona, St. Paul & Minneapolis	3:20 a m 7:15 a m 11:05 a m 5:40 p m	3:30 a m 12:35 a m 3:50 p m 11:55 p m 12:20 p m
Dubuque, Rock Island Omaha and West	12:01 p m 3:50 p m	11:30 a m 4:55 p m
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: Daily; a, daily except Sunday; c, daily except Saturday.

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	LEAVE	ARRIVE
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For Winona, Alma, Prescott, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winipeg and Northwest	3:30 a. m. 8:09 a. m.	12:15 night 12:14 noon

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN R. R.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and East, Duluth and Superior	a 7:55 a m a 12:35 p m b 10:40 p m	b 5:30 a m a 12:15 p m a 5:30 p m
Trempealeau, Galesville, Winona, Owatonna and West	b 5:30 a m a 12:15 p m a 5:30 p m	a 7:55 a m a 12:35 p m b 10:40 p m

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REV. IRISH TELLS OF THE FAULTS OF THE PREACHERS

First M. E. Church Crowded Last Night When First of Series of Novel Sermons is Delivered

Great interest is being shown in the series of sermons on "Why Some Men Do Not Go to Church." Rev. J. W. Irish, pastor of the First M. E. church, last night delivered the first of the series "Faults of the Preachers" to an exceptionally large congregation the church being filled to the doors.

The series promises to be one of the most timely and absorbing heard in years.

Rev. Irish said in part last night.

The problem that we have set for ourselves is to ascertain the reasons why men do not attend church in larger numbers. While it would be a mistake to suppose that no men attend or that only a few do so, yet it is a generally perceived fact that many more women than men are in attendance upon the services of the church. Nevertheless there are today 5,500,000 young men between the ages of 16 and 35 members of the churches of the United States. Reports from 78 representative churches in our land, as recently gathered by a careful writer, seem to indicate that 37 per cent of the total number of young men in the United States are directly or indirectly connected with the work of the church. There are today sixteen times as many young men alone in the churches of our land as there were members of these churches one hundred years ago. One hundred years ago 8 per cent of the college men of the country were members of the churches, five years ago 50 per cent were members, while now 53 per cent are members of the churches. At a recent meeting of the Y. M. C. A. at Yale there were present more than half of last year's college crew, and other fellows equally representative of that great university. In the University of Pennsylvania there are today more than 3,000 students engaged regularly each week in Bible study. But still we are not satisfied and are anxious that multitudes more of the men shall become regular attendants upon the services of the church and members thereof. In order that I might know the reasons

for non-attendance of men and be able in a measure to improve local conditions, I sent out 200 letters to various men in the city asking them to give the reasons for non-attendance which appealed to them. A large number replied and have enumerated a multitude of reasons, which I have classified under five headings. I find that in the catalogue of faults the preachers come in for a large share, the church, church members, modern social and industrial conditions, and last of all, the men themselves have been willing to take a little of the blame. My purpose is to collect the statements into convenient groups and discuss them one by one.

One man encloses a clipping from a newspaper and writes as follows:

The enclosed clipping in my judgment shows a condition which is the cause why some men come to neglect if not despise churches. Few men are orthodox from the so-called theologian's standpoint. Yet, whenever good men and strong men occupy the pulpit standing room is at a premium all over the country today. But when weaklings and prigs of the type indicated in the clipping dominate the church men stay away. Rev. Patterson seems to admire the 43d Psalm. It is not bad. But such as he would like the 100th Psalm better, which for cruel and inhuman sentiments surpasses any other composition in any religion or language on earth.

Here follows the clipping:

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT UNFIT FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Indiana Divine Says McKinley's Favorite Hymn Might Better Be Used by Buddhists.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—"Lead Kindly Light," President William McKinley's favorite hymn, was today declared to be unfit as a song of praise and worship of God, by Rev. W. A. Patterson, of Princeton, Ind., in an address at the United Presbyterian Psalmody convention.

Rev. Patterson criticised the song when used as a church hymn in the

worshiping of God, and offered as a substitute, the forty-third Psalm.

"The song, 'Lead Kindly Light,'" he said, "may mean anything that any man may choose to make it mean, be he Christian, Atheist, or Buddhist."

"Just as I Am," and "We'll Meet on that Beautiful Shore" and other hymns of a like nature, were also looked upon with disfavor by several of the speakers, but no substitutes were offered.

Desiring to know the truth about the matter I wrote to Dr. Patterson, and received a reply in which he said in part, "The report as read in the Chicago papers was wholly garbled, and misleading, and utterly misrepresented both the spirit and the matter of my paper. The fact is, the reporter had sat around there for two days hoping for something of the sensational order and when he came to the last afternoon he simply grabbed the opportunity which a mere illustration in my address gave him to make his own 'write up.' I said nothing about any of the hymns I used but what any hymn singer of intelligence would accede to." I expect if most of the sensational reports concerning ministers and churches were run down they would be found to have as little in them as this. It was only a little while ago when the newspapers all over the country were printing the reported statement of Dr. Gunsaulus that Mr. Roosevelt was the only man in history who equalled Jesus Christ. It was later found out that he said nothing of the sort.

People who get their ideas of things from the newspapers will almost always be misled in their conclusion, they will put the abnormal for the normal every time. For nothing is news which is not out of the ordinary. Newspapers do not print the regular routine of life—if they did no one would care to read them. We read in the newspapers about the accidents of life, and other about the millions and millions of people who pass through life without any mishaps. The honest men, the peaceful homes, the law abiding communities, do not get their names in the public prints so frequently. It would be a mistake to think that the world was like that which the telegraph columns of the newspapers depict day after day. So one preacher goes astray and it is heralded from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A hundred thousand of them are going along in the lines of honesty and sobriety, but all these are lost sight of in the clamor over the lost sheep. One man makes a peculiar statement, runs off on a theological tangent, and more space a hundred times over is given to him than to the hundred thousand ministers who are preaching the same old gospel, doing the Master's service. I do not blame the newspapers. On the other hand, I praise them as one of the greatest forces for righteousness. That is what we read them for, to get the news. But we must be careful to always keep in mind the fact that it is the abnormal which we see there and that our judgment must not be based upon newspaper reports.

But I must refer to my correspondent's kindly allusion to some of the Psalms, the so-called imprecation Psalm. It is a fact that among the Psalms there are some which fall far below the New Testament plane of forgiveness of enemies. The morals of the Old Testament do not approach the New and it is because we are looking upon them from the New

Testament standard that we are horrified with these expressions. But we must understand that in the Old Testament we have the history of the race recovering from the terrible results of the fall, a race of children seeking for the light. It is as hard for us to understand some of the expressions as it is for an adult man to understand some of the feelings and expressions of a child. Yet in spite of this the Hebrew nation was of all contemporary nations the most enlightened and the most kindly and the most advanced in morals. It might further be said that the writers of the Psalms seemed to identify themselves with both God and the nation, so when they called down vengeance upon enemies, it was not a personal matter but it was patriotism and loyalty to God. Just as today if two nations are at war it is the hope of one that their enemies may be confounded. While we do not allow personal spite yet we do exalt national pride. These Psalms are "utterances full of sympathy with God's righteous judgment. They are expressions of his, not personal, indignation."

It must be confessed that there are altogether too many prigs and weaklings in the pulpit, too many Miss Nancys, too many impractical theorists and visionaries, too many who do not measure up to a high intellectual standard, and yet there are thousands of magnificent men in the ministry. But may I say one or two things in defense of the preachers? Why are there not a greater number of strong men in the pulpit? One reason is that the remuneration of a minister is ridiculously small. Nineteen out of twenty preachers are put upon a bare living, able to eke out an existence with the utmost difficulty, depriving himself and family of books and clothing and comforts and schooling that most of his congregation enjoys. The average mechanic gets more than the average preacher. Many men of spirit revolt at such a condition of things and refuse to put their neck in the yoke. That is not saying that those who are refusing to enter the ministry because there is not enough money in it are mercenary. It has been argued that men can do as much good if they are thoroughly conscientious and successful Christian business men as they could in the ministry and thus they calm their conscience and turn to the business pursuits. I dare to make the statement that nine out of ten preachers if they had turned their time and attention to other things and spent as much energy and time in preparing for their life work would make twice the amount of money they now do. At least one preacher within twenty miles of La Crosse cut his income in two in order to take his charge. At conference one of the men came to me and said, "Brother Irish, I am struggling with a great temptation. I have just got an offer of a good position at \$1,500 per year, and the only thing in sight at conference is a charge paying \$800." Yet that man deliberately refused the additional \$700 a year in order to preach the gospel. Not all preachers are heroes, but if the church would rise to the occasion and say that they would bear a share of the sacrifice and pay her preachers in some degree as the business men of the world are willing to pay for service there would soon be a higher degree of ability in the pulpit.

Furthermore, men do not do justice in their estimation of a preacher's pulpit work. They hear great lecturers, and able lawyers, and compare their preacher with those. When the fact is that a lawyer has very few speeches to prepare in a year, and a lecturer has spent years of time on his one lecture. Whereas, the minister must get up over 100 discourses every year and make them interesting and fresh in order to hold the people. Besides this there are the weekly prayer meeting talks, the Sunday school and details of church work to attend to, the thousand and one calls on his time. I would like to have the men who today complain of dull sermons try sermonizing. They would get along swimmingly with the first and pretty well with the second, but would gradually change their minds as time went on. I remember hearing a certain lawyer deliver a Decoration Day address. He began by saying that the audience would have to excuse him if he repeated himself a little for he gave the address the last year also. A difficult thing to get up two new Decoration Day addresses a year apart! Yet I believe a preacher who has not the ability to get up the 100 sermons a year in such manner as to make them helpful and interesting has missed his calling. Undoubtedly this is one reason why men are not attracted to the church.

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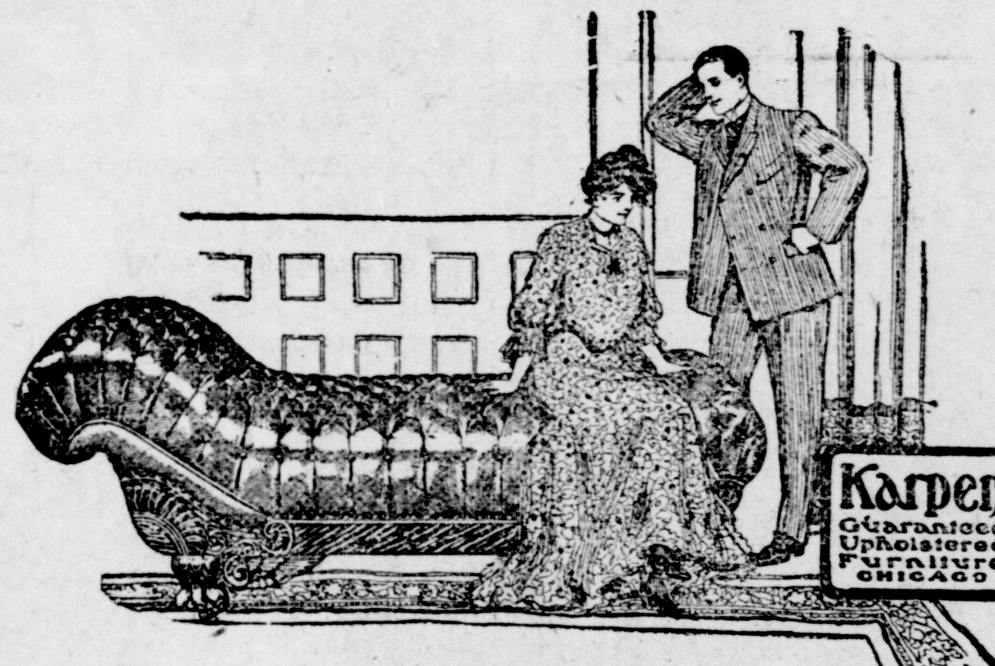


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IMMEDIATE APPEAL IN TAX MATTER

City Attorney Paul W. Mahoney will start legal proceedings this week in the matter of the appeal of the city to the state tax commission to adjust the apportionment of taxes between the city and country districts in La Crosse county.

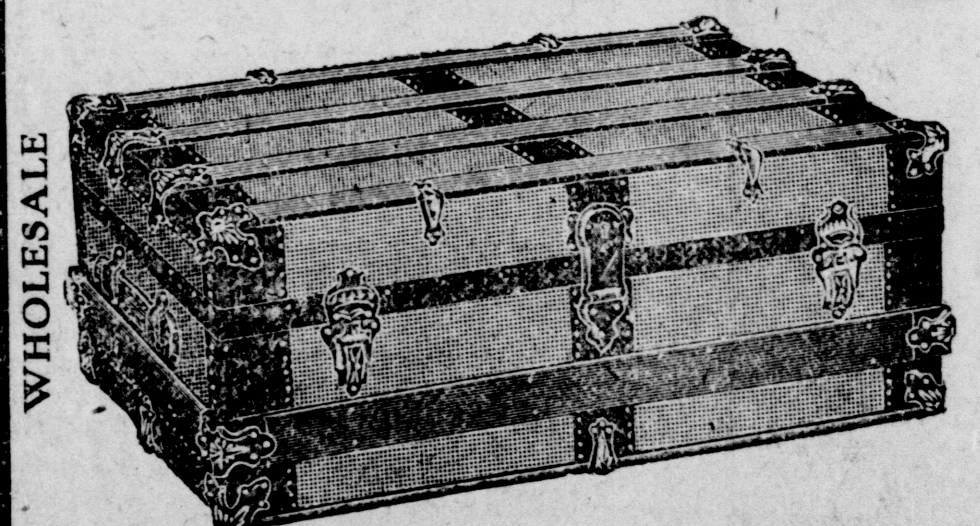
In accordance with instructions of the common council City Attorney Paul W. Mahoney announced this morning that proceedings under the appeal would be taken with all possible speed. Papers will be drawn up by him this week and the petition filed with the county clerk within a few days. The county clerk then serves a notice upon the state tax commission and that body in turn sets the date for a hearing.

Four months are allowed under the law in which to appeal but City Attorney Paul W. Mahoney does not propose to delay the matter any part of this time.

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